



## State of Wisconsin

Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities

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### **Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD) Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, December 1, 2022**

**1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.**

**Approved January 5, 2023**

#### **Executive Committee Action and Motion Items**

##### **A. Executive Committee Action Items**

- 1. Action Item:** The Executive committee will review the GCPD's written recommendations from the 2021-2023 Wisconsin State Biennial Budget cycle. Policy Recommendation documents are on the [GCPD Website](#) for review at the January 5, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting.
- 2. Action Item:** DHS support staff will reach out to constitute councils to request their top two policy recommendations for the Wisconsin 2023-2025 State Biennial Budget to report at the January 5, 2023, Executive Committee meeting.
- 3. Action Item:** Margaret Kristan will reach out to the Survival Coalition and Wisconsin Aging Action Network (WAAN) to ask either group to present on their policy recommendations for the 2023-2025 Wisconsin State Biennial Budget at the January 5, 2023, Executive Committee meeting.
- 4. Action Item:** DHS support staff will send an email to the GCPD Sub-Committees Chairs to request their two top priorities for the 2023-2025 Wisconsin State Biennial Budget and to present those priorities at the January 5, 2023, Executive Committee meeting.

##### **B. Executive Committee Motion Items**

- 1. Motion Item:** Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the December 1, 2022, Executive Committee meeting agenda. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 2. Motion Item:** Tom O'Connor made a motion to approve the November 3, 2022, Executive Committee meeting minutes. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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3. **Motion Item:** Tom O'Connor made a motion to move Agenda Item IX *Discuss Next Steps on 2023 Concordia University Educational Presentation(s)* to the January 5, 2023, Executive Committee meeting agenda. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made the motion to approve the GCPD Executive Committee meeting agenda and extend the time of the meeting to 4:00 PM for January 5, 2023. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Motion Item:** Rhonda Staats made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### C. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

##### I. Welcome and Introductions

**Executive committee members present:** Margaret Kristan; Tom O'Connor; Ben Barrett; Rhonda Staats; and Ramsey Lee.

**Executive committee members absent (excused\*):** Not applicable.

**Guests:** Daniel Idzikowski, GCPD Member-at-Large; Lawrence Brown, Community Member; and Karen Odegaard, Secretary's Office.

**DHS support staff present:** Ashley Walker, Department of Health Services (DHS), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources (BADR); Lisa Sobczyk, DHS, BADR; Karen Potnek, DHS, BADR; and Amber Mullett, DHS, BADR.

##### II. Margaret Kristan, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M.

The meeting was made available via phone at (669) 254-5252 with Meeting ID: 161 640 1752 and via [Zoom](#).

##### III. Review and Approve December 1, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

- Ramsey Lee made a motion to approve the December 1, 2022, Executive Committee meeting agenda. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 1.



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#### **IV. Review and Approve November 3, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

- Tom O'Connor made a motion to approve the November 3, 2022, Executive Committee meeting minutes. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 2.

#### **V. Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities**

- Lawrence Brown stated he has concerns with the Non-Emergency Medical Provider (NEMT) Veyo and the pick-ups and drops offs were recently not correct. Concerned that quality of services may be declining due to the merger with MTM and Veyo.
  - Amber Mullett shared that Veyo complaints can be filed by calling: 866-907-1493 or by writing Veyo Quality Assurance at 8383 Greenway Blvd, Suite 400, Middleton, WI 53562. Complaints can also be file a complaint online at: <https://wi.ridewithveyo.com/> or via the DHS website: [Need a Ride? Non-Emergency Medical Transportation | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#). NEMT managed at DHS is currently vacant.

#### **VI. Discuss Follow-up from November 16, 2022, GCPD Quarterly meeting**

- The Executive Committee reviewed action items from the GCPD Quarterly meeting that was held on November 16, 2022; and agreed that all items were on track to be completed.

#### **VII. Discuss the Department of Health Services Budget**

- The Executive Committee followed up on the Budget discussion from the last GCPD Quarterly Meeting in November 2022; and discussed how GCPD wants to engage in submitting recommendations for the budget.



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- Daniel Idzikowski recommended aligning with other advocacy organizations (Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW) and Survival Coalition) and discussing priorities for the aging and disability communities. A suggestion would be to invite the Survival Coalition to give a summary of what they are moving forward and recommending in the Budget.
- DHS support staff will reach out to constitute councils to share their top two policy recommendations for the Wisconsin 2023-2025 State Biennial Budget to report at the January 5, 2023, Executive Committee meeting. Action Item 2.
- Margaret Kristan will reach out to the Survival Coalition and Wisconsin Aging Action Network (WAAN) to ask either group to present on their policy recommendations for the 2023-2025 Wisconsin State Biennial Budget at the January 5, 2023, Executive Committee meeting. See Action Item 3.
- DHS support staff will send an email to the GCPD Sub-Committees Chairs to request their two top priorities for the 2023-2025 Wisconsin State Biennial Budget and to present those priorities at the January 5, 2023, Executive Committee meeting. See Action Item 4.
- The January 5, 2023, Executive committee meeting will be focused on the Wisconsin 2023-2025 State Biennial Budget discussion.



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#### VIII. Discuss Department of Health Services (DHS) General Updates

- Amber Mullett, Section Chief, Office for the Promotion of Independent Living, shared DHS updates.
  - Division of Public Health (DPH) applied for a significant grant through the Centers for Disease and Communication (CDC) strengthening the instruction, workforce, foundational capabilities, and data modernization. The amount will be \$55 million for 5 years.
  - Reminder about COVID-19 treatment virtually through telehealth. Licensed providers can provide anti-viral medication prescriptions which can be sent to any pharmacy in Wisconsin or can be sent by mail. There is no requirement for proof of insurance.-Someone who tests positive at home can connect via telehealth online or by calling the toll-free number. This is not a 24/7 service, but the hours are 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM seven days per week. Additional information is available online on [DHS' website](https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/telehealth.htm) (<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/telehealth.htm>) or by phone at 1-833-273-6330.
  - DHS support staff have been having trainings with the Office of Legal Counsel and looking at ways to restructure DHS staff support and committee meetings.
    - DHS support staff will be seeking feedback on 2023 workgroups vs. Sub-Committees and having a meeting with Sub-Committee Chairs and Committee Chair to discuss this further.



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#### **IX. Discuss Next Steps on 2023 Concordia University Educational Presentation(s)**

- Tom O'Connor made a motion to move Agenda Item IX *Discuss Next Steps on 2023 Concordia University Educational Presentation(s)* to the January 5, 2023, Executive Committee meeting agenda. Ramsey Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.

#### **X. Discuss Status of GCPD Election**

- DHS support staff will be accepting GCPD Nominations for the following positions until Friday, December 2, 2022. Ballots will be sent out after the nominations are closed.
  - Vice Chair and 3 Executive Committee Members.

#### **XI. Draft January 5, 2023, GCPD Executive Committee Meeting Agenda**

- The Executive Committee drafted the January 5, 2023, Executive Committee meeting agenda:
  - Welcome and Introductions
  - Review and Approve January 5, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
  - Review and Approve December 1, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
  - Public Comment on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities (1:10 P.M. – 1:15 P.M.)
  - Discuss Department of Health Services (DHS) General Updates
    - Amber Mullett, Director, Office for the Promotion of Independent Living
  - Discuss The 2023-2025 Wisconsin Biennial Budget Policy Recommendations



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- Survival Coalition Policy Recommendations
- Wisconsin Aging Action Network (WAAN)
- Constitute Council Recommendations
- Review GCPD Written Policy Recommendations from 2021-2023 Wisconsin State Biennial Budget
- GCPD Sub-Committee Policy Recommendations
- Discuss Next Steps on 2023 Concordia University Educational Presentation(s)
- Draft February 3, 2023, GCPD Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
- Adjourn
- Rhonda Staats made the motion to approve the GCPD Executive Committee meeting agenda and extend the time of the meeting to 4:00 PM for January 5, 2023. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 4.

#### **XII. Adjourn**

- Rhonda Staats made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom O'Connor seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Motion Item 5.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:26 P.M.**